JL: Tom Shales (WxPost Style section) phoned me tonight. He is doing a story on the assassination critics for Qui! We talked for about an hour. I was myself. Seems like everyone is taking the copout read. He appears to have been talking to others. He quoted Sprague on me and I asked him is that was all he'd said? I'd have expected more and would be disgraced by any other opinion of me. It was not unfriendsly (words, that is). I finally asked him how he would know who an authentic "critic" or "researcher" is and whose work was either his own or responsible. He agreed that the press has created these types and is without meanks of avoiding its inventions. I do not assume a nasty story. I merely report. HW 8/11/75 Answered all his questions, including about Lane. He began with my NYU comments.